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Secretary James Kenney
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Dear Secretary Kenney:

The New Mexico Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition (NMNGVC), the New Mexico organization representing New Mexico's natural gas vehicle (NGV) industry, respectfully submits this letter to signify our support for a Clean Fuel Standard (CFS) program to be implemented in New Mexico that would enable additional revenues streams for New Mexico and clean energy jobs for New Mexico's people, while improving public health by reducing greenhouse gas and criteria pollutant emissions.

New Mexico has a history of supporting alternative fuel vehicles as the best path to building greater demand for New Mexico-produced clean fuel products, cleaning the environment by using lower emission vehicles in transportation, and providing economic benefit to the state and its constituents. A clean fuels standard continues New Mexico's use of the best and cleanest technology for the purpose, instead of choosing a specific technology in a "one type fits all" approach that rarely works.

A Clean Fuels Standard (CFS) will reduce New Mexico's carbon emissions by requiring that transportation fuels with lower carbon intensities be used. A CFS promotes the blending of traditional fuels with renewable fuels to reduce emissions and provides credits for producers of low carbon intensity fuels that can be purchased to offset the impact of high carbon intensity fuels. Also, a CFS is technology neutral allowing market forces to produce the best path to cleaner transportation in New Mexico.

By letting the market drive fuel choices based on decreasing the overall carbon footprint in transportation, new economic streams will arise that will provide new jobs for New Mexico's people. As an example, according to the recently released California Air Resources Board Updated Carbon Intensity Fuel Scores, renewable natural gas (RNG) made from animal waste has the lowest carbon intensity of any fuel including electricity and hydrogen. New Mexico has an abundance of dairy and other animal farms that could produce RNG, a network of compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG) stations that can dispense RNG, and many natural gas vehicle models available today to use the RNG fuel to achieve comparable performance to gasoline and diesel vehicles but with a carbon negative footprint. Many fleets in New Mexico today already use NGVs and are continuing to expand.

The NMNGVC welcomes the opportunity to provide further information on the economic, public health and environmental benefits of natural gas vehicles and fuels. Please contact us to set up a meeting and for additional information.

Sincerely,

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